

February 7th 1914

Minutes of a Parish Council
meeting held at the Schools
on the above date

Present

Messrs S. Joyce Thomas (Chairman)
& Juddy, T. W. Brown, J. Ward,
F. H. Keeble, A. Smith, & Mitchcock
J. Hoffman & J. Girth (Clerk)

Minutes

The minutes of the previous
Council meeting were read
confirmed and signed

School Corner

A letter from the District
Council was read stating that
the Highways Surveyor had
been instructed to prepare
plans for the proposed removal
of a corner near the school.

Rag Hill.

The Chairman presented a Report
upon the position regarding the
proposed improvement of Rag Hill
and ~~on~~ his proposition seconded
by Mr. Brown was
"That the District Council of
Godstone be asked to consider
the desirability of promoting a
scheme for the construction of a
road on the lines suggested
from the Croydon and Westerham
Contributory Road opposite White
Lane, via Westmore Green, Ship
Hill, Latchfield Green and Rag

will leading to the London,
Bromley and Maidstone Main
road at the top of Westerham
Hill in the county of Kent.

and that a copy of the Report
be sent to the District Council"

The following is a copy of the
Report :-

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council of Tatsfield have had under consideration the road connecting Westerham Hill with Croydon and Westerham Contributory Road at Titsey Hill.

This road forms an important means of communication between Bromley and the District South of Bromley on the one hand and Croydon and the district South of Croydon on the other. Both of these neighbourhoods are steadily growing and changing from agricultural to residential districts.

There is a motor omnibus service from Bromley to Westerham Hill and a motor omnibus service from Croydon to Tatsfield (by one of the leading London omnibus Companies) is in contemplation. Regular traffic and specially motor traffic of every description has much increased in recent years and there is every anticipation that such increase will develop extensively in the immediate future.

It is anticipated that the road would be considerably used for carrying of passengers and goods between Bromley and Croydon and the intervening districts, whilst avoiding the Metropolis the trade and the rateable value of this district would be developed and increased. The road should prove of importance for military purposes.

The road is at present narrow in many places and very steep at Rag Hill and Ship Hill. It is difficult to maintain in a proper state of repair especially at Rag Hill which is a source of increasing annoyance, more especially to motor traffic owing

to narrowness and many concealed corners it is a source of danger to fast going traffic and to pedestrians.

The road is capable of being converted into a high class road at a reasonable expenditure. Several of the Land owners have been approached and have intimated their approval of the proposed improvement. It is anticipated that when this comprehensive scheme has been prepared the necessary land would be donated by the various owners. One parcel of land has been acquired by a private individual with a view to its being donated for this purpose.

It is anticipated that on the completion of the work the road would be taken over by the County Council thereby relieving the district of its cost of future maintenance.

It is further anticipated that a substantial grant would be made by the Road Board.

In reply to Mr Mitchell the chairman said that any local cost would fall upon the District, but that he was hoping for substantial help from the Government Road Board

Mr. Keeble opposed the scheme

ing into consideration the foregoing and especially the present pathetic attitude of the adjoining landowners.

Parish Council of Tatsfield Resolved That the District Council Godstone be asked to consider the desirability of ^{providing} ~~providing~~ a ~~road~~ ^{road} for the construction of a road on the lines suggested from Croydon and Westerham Contributory Road opposite White Lane, viz. -
 -more Green, Ship Hill, Tatsfield Green and Rag Hill leading to London, Bromley and Maidstone Main road at the top of Westerham in the County of Kent.

It is noted that a copy of the report
 The Chairman's original proposition was then put and receiving 6 votes for and none against was carried.

Mr. Brown asked if any report on the Emily Road cesspool nuisance had been received from the medical officer.

The clerk replied that no report had been received.

It was proposed by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Luddy that a letter be written to the District Council asking what steps, if any, had been taken to deal with the nuisance.

Carried

Mr. Brown asked if any steps had been taken in the matter of providing additional cottages and in the matter of insanitary dwellings.

Mr. Keeble opposed the scheme and proposed as an amendment "That the present scheme be dropped and a new project be entertained which would save some 2 miles by forming a road down the valley direct to the Bromley Road"

The amendment was not seconded.

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Sanitation
and
Dwellings

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Carried

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Caravan Mr Brown called attention to the increasing number of caravans in the parish.

It was proposed by Mr Brown and seconded by Mr Hitchcock that the attention of the District Council be called to the increasing number of caravans and that they be requested to take steps to suppress what is a growing nuisance.

Carried unanimously.

Sub committee On the proposition of Mr Hitchcock seconded by Mr Ward Mr Keeble was elected a member of the Sanitary & Footpaths sub committee in place of Mr Ringer, resigned.

allotments Mr Hitchcock asked if the Parish Council could supply the allotment holders with a spraying pump. This was referred to the allotments committee.

Accounts On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr Brown the following accounts were passed for payment.

Rent of allotments £2-0-0

Insurance £1-1-6

Sam Foye, Thomas

Chairman

25-2-14.

+ Determining special expenses was
made (date 19th March '14)

Rag
Hill

Mr E Duddy (District Councillor) reported
that when the Parish Councils report on
Rag Hill has come before the District-
Council there was shown a disposition
to shelve the matter but he has strongly
urged upon the Dist Council the necessity
of further consideration & he has
eventually induced the D. Council to
consent to the report being referred to
the Highway Surveyor.

The Chairman expressed to Mr Duddy
the thanks of the Parish Council for
his successful effort.

Sanitation

+
Dwellings

It was decided after discussion
that the Sanitary Sub-Committee should
prepare a list of alleged insanitary houses
for the information of the Sanitary Surveyor

"Charlottenburg"
+ Potters
Baking
Museum

Mr Stetcher drew attention to a
narrow access the road from the
house "Charlottenburg" on Tatfield Green
& Mrs Brown drew attention to an over-
growing cesspool at the back of Mr Potts
Bakery.

Both matters were referred to the
Sanitary Committee for report.

Footpaths

The Chairman expressed the hope that
something would be done to improve the low
lying portion of the foot-path leading

from the village to Rylands.
This was referred to the footpaths
Committee.

Fluys
Post

Mr Brown called attention to the recently
erected Fluys-posto in regard to their
unsatisfactory arrangement & position.
It was decided to call the Highway
Surveyor's ^{attention} to the Complaint.

Bills for
Payment

Proposed by Mr. Brown & endorsed by
Mr Ward that the following are to be paid
Mr J Leob. 15/1 (Drain St. Works 2/- Rates 5/12 Postage 2/11)
Lampyths £1/8/2 Wex ch
Mr Stone 13/9. Hire of Lehou for mucking
barrow

Applications
for
Allotments

The following applications for allotments
have been granted
Mr Thos Dwyer 7+8. W Standing 23.
T. Street 11.

Spraying
Machine

The Clerk was instructed to make
enquiries as to the probable cost of
the provision of a spraying machine for
the allotment holders.

Sam Joyce. Thomas

Chairman

22. 4. 14.

No report having been received from the District Council and owing to Mr Gaddy reporting that the cottages were under repair no action was then taken.

Subsequently, after further discussion the Chairman proposed & Mr Hitchcock seconded that the matter of insanitary dwellings be referred to the Luton Parish Council Sanitary Committee for consideration and report.

Mr Keeble proposed as an amendment that the District Council Sanitary Inspectors be asked to visit the insanitary dwellings with Dr. Hoffman & Mr. Gaddy.

Mr. Gaddy declined to do this.

The amendment was carried by 4 to votes for and none against.

As regards any contemplated action by the District Council in providing additional cottages Mr Gaddy explained that it was necessary to prove a scarcity of cottages it being not sufficient to prove insanitary condition of existing cottages.

March 25th 1914

minutes of the annual Parish meeting held at the Schools on the above date.

Present Present Mr. S. Joyce Thomas (Chairman)
all the Parish Councillors about
20 parishioners + J. Scott (clerk)

Minutes of the last annual Parish meeting were read ~~confirmed~~ & signed.

Chairman's Report The Chairman presented a review of the past year and reported that in place of Mr. H. R. Ringer (resigned) Mr. F. H. Keble had been co-opted a member of the Parish Council.

Mr. Ward had, owing to his removal from the parish, resigned the vicarship & Mr. A. Smith had been elected to fill his place. Payersfield, Emily and Louisa Roads had been made up with the general approval of the parishioners after some 20 years agitation and had been taken over by the District Council.

Mr J. Howard Walker had resigned the Island Councilorship after 15 years excellent service & Mr Juddy had been elected Island Councilor to fill the vacancy.

Mr Juddy had, in that office, taken great interest in the welfare of the parish & he, the Chairman, expressed the gratitude of the parishioners to Mr Juddy for his splendid services.

Referring to the removal from the parish of the Rev G. H. Masters as Rector he had done much to improve the parish by his efforts in the erection of the Parish Hall & Institute & the enlargement of the schools, & it was a regret to all that he no longer served the parish.

The Parish Council had had under serious discussion the matter of improvement of Reg Hill so as to provide an outlet from the parish in the direction of the metropolis.

A scheme had now been submitted to the Island Council.

The allotments were nearly all let & had involved no charge on the rates.

Lighting.

Mr Brown proposed that the usual sum of £20 be voted for lighting the park during the next winter. The chairman formally recorded so as to admit discussion.

Several objections expressed the view that the scheme of lighting had not been a success & the rates were already very heavy.

The motion received no votes & nearly all those present voted against it.

allotment
Prize

The chairman presented prizes to the allotment holders as follows:

A	Martin	7/6
J	Moorey	5/-
J	Mullens	2/6
J	Crane	2/-
W	Dustin	1/-

advertising
mtgs

Messrs Winson & Keble thought that the future meetings should be more widely advertised.

On the proposition of Mr Vincent, recorded by Mr Brown it was agreed to

leave this matter in the
hands of the Parish Council

A vote of thanks to the
Chairman was carried
with applause.

San Joze Thomas

30.3.15.

April 22nd 1914

minutes of the ^{annual} meeting of the
Tetfield Parish Council held
at the School on the above date.

Present Messrs S. Joze Thomas, J. Reddy,
A. Mitchell, A. Smith & J. Scott (clerk)

Minutes of the previous council meeting of
were read confirmed & signed

Election of Mr. Smith proposed Mr. Mitchell
Chairman seconded that Mr. Thomas be
asked to continue the chairmanship;
carried unanimously